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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable James T. McIntyre, Jr.  
Director  
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Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Control of Management System Criteria  
and Data Required of Contractors

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fm James T. McIntyre, Jr., same subject

1. The referent draft OMB circular proposes policy which will promote the standardization of specified management system criteria and required product and nonproduct data requirements in the acquisition of goods and services. We agree that the imposition of a great variety and number of systems criteria has potential for wastefulness.

2. Although a variety of management systems criteria exists within our own Agency, our policy has been to rely on the contractor's in-house management control systems and avoid the expenditure of public funds for the development of new systems. Successful contractors have established systems and considerable expertise in their application. Moreover, a large number of our contractors have had Department of Defense (DoD) experience and have set up data management systems to conform to the myriad DoD management criteria, therefore, making it unnecessary for us to require new and revised systems.

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3. While we are in general agreement with the intent of the proposed circular, we urge that executive branch agencies be permitted maximum flexibility in selecting or tailoring criteria to satisfy their program requirements. Greater uniformity throughout the executive branch agencies in the application of management systems criteria and data requirements is a desirable goal, but should not be mandated to such an extent that flexibility is lost.

*/s/John F. Blake*

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